## John J. McGraw, Giants' Manager, Discusses Baseball For Times Readers

### McGRAW SAYS---

Bresnahan erred in shifting Zimmerman from third to second, risking ruin of game's star; picks Reds for last.

Superstition seeps through any ball club, but it is encouraged more by Stallings in Boston than among third baseman. The club had paid \$4,500 for him, which was a lot of money at the street of the Giants and the street of the club had paid \$4,500 for him, which was a lot of money at the street of the club had paid \$4,500 for him. any other group of big league players. George Stallings is superstitious himself and proud of it. Before the Cubs came to Boston for the first series of the season, Stallings said in the club house one day:

Chicago is the one club we've got to beat. The Cubs will give us a

The Cubs did, although I can't see the team myself. Bresnahan took four straight games from the world's champions, which result looked very good to me. It made the chances of my club appear better. The Giants gave Chicago a battle and won the series from the Cubs when at the Polo Grounds. As I have said in a previous article, the infield, with Zimmerman misplaced at second base, and Fisher and Phelan working at short and third, covers little ground. Saier is a star, one of the best first basemen in the league.

I think Bresnahan made a mistake when he shifted Zimmerman from third base to second. "Zim" used to be a second baseman when he first broke in, but he has shown the greatest value of his career at third, and it looks to me like the logical location for him.

At one time I thought I would stop to the like a spry, old man and the only player in the big league today over forty. If the Pirates had not had wagner through all these years, I don't see how Barney Dreyfuss would ever the law had much of a ball club. Honus is certainly most of that team even yet. But the old boy is beginning to show age, and he is bound to be out some this season. His legs won't stand the steady strain. When he does lay off, watch Clarke's club hit the slide. I think Bresnahan made a mistake

but I moved him over to third, and he the Federal League agents had cabled would have been a star there if he had Speaker all over Europe, making him not quit the team. He lacked ambition, offers.

It turned out Doyle's natural niche was second base. I think Herzog made a mistake in putting himself at short-stop. His natural position is third base. stop. His ratural position is third base. I am also sure Bresnahan made a mistake when he moved "Heinie" Zimmerman to second. When Stallings says the Cubs are the only team he will have to beat to the pennant, I think he, too, has made a mistake, and I believe we will prove it before the season is over. Chicago oces not look like a strong club. When Stallings made that remark, all the players on his team heard it and their superstition bolled up. The Cubs took the entire series, four straight. Perhaps the crack he made had something to do with this result. Two days after this season opened, I announced I could name a team which would finish last. Some of the players asked me to put my finger on it, and I

asked me to put my finger on it, and I told them the Pirates. I have since changed my mind. I am confident now the Cincinnati Reds will finish a very bad last. The Pittsburgh club has surprised me this year. It looked like quite a ball team from the glance I had at the club when at the Pale Grounds. the club when at the Polo Grounds. I'll admit now I was in error about it finishing last.

One of the wonders to me is to see old Honus Wagner still picking them out up there at the plate and at short-stop, too. He is a spry, old man and

have heard it rumored this year the I have heard it rumored this year that Speaker's batting has been affected by the fact he smokes so many cigarettes. He used to pull at the "pickles" pretty freely when on the trip around the world. Smoking will hurt a batter's eye if he overindulges. Speaker should know better than that He is a sensible boy.

ing down a big salary who has had a bad year so far, but I would like to see him on my staff at the figure he is drawing from the Washington team is drawing from the Washington team at present. Perhaps the fans should not blame him altogether. He has been working a whole lot of tough games this season against the best talent which could be pushed into the box in opposition to him, and he has had to win most of his victories with his own bat. If Griffith does not watch out, the list of batting averages of his playevrs at the end of the season will look like the sizes of an assortment of hats.

Now to take a brief squint at the National League race before closing for the day. The Giants have shown some improvement lately in spite of the fact my players are still crowding the hospitals and our fighting front looks like a German column after it has charged the allies in solid formation and walked into the range of a flock of machine guns. Merkle is again out of the game. After being laid up for a long stretch he returned to an exhibition contest last Sunday, only to have his nose broken, and he will be forced to lay off once more.

Shodgrass is still nursing a broken

once more.

Brodgrass is still nursing a broken name. He always strengthens the team when he is in there. Since Snodgrass has been with the Glants I have frequently been criticised for playing him. The bad weather and the tough luck have hurt the Giants severely. We play one contest and then we have to lay over two or three days. Not the most sanguine could say we came back from Marlin overtrained. The club needs conditioning

steady strain. When he does lay off watch clarke's club hit the silide. So far it has been a year for the reliable men to be off in their form and newcomers to show bright and brief flashes. To this, I attribute the many team, which I do not care to state at present, why I would not care to carry him with my club at any time. Zimmerman is a good, natural hitter, but that about lets him out. I am frank to say I feared the Chicago club far more before I saw it play at the Polo Grounds than I do now.

Sometimes the shifting of a man from one position to another makes him and again it spoils him. Shafer came to the Glants a shortstop, and, for a time it looked to me as if he would be one of the beat ever developed. He could cover all sorts of ground. Then he suddenly became flatfooted and could not seem to get started after the ball. I don't know how to account for it, since he was just as fast running the bases.

## ADMIRES HONUS WAGNER



JOHN J. McGRAW,

Who Marvels At the Manner In Which the German Picks Them Off In Short Field and Bangs Them Out At the Plate.

### MINCE PIE.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING. By "Bags" Bast.

Aztecs.

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Four Ounce Ones.

Jess Willard, the eminent authority, advises the United States to handle the European situation with gloves.

Temmy Connolly is leading the National

Ooey! What a Game!!! The Berlin authorities have grant-

"Now that the college baseball season is over some of the boys can again get their mail under their

In golf you should keep your eye or the ball. It is also extremely good form to keep your eye on your clubs, automobile and pocketbook.

Philadelphia fans have petitioned Con-nic Mack to start his games after dinner instead of before They're tired of lay-ing their appetites spoiled

pennant race is a sociability run.

For His College Spirit

Moakley Boosts Richards

Some Extinct Races.

ITHACA, N. Y., May 31.—The victor-ious Cornell track team returned from Philadelphia yesterday and 400 students ammed the station and gave the athictes and their coach, Jack Moakley, a royal reception.

nakley said that the victory wa ed the English prisoners permission to play cricket, thus displaying their extreme heartlessness.

Now that the A. A. U. has taken the walk out of the declathon championship. walk out of the declathon championship.

J. Weldon Wyckoff and Harry Harper haven't a chance of copping the event.

PASO RUCOLPH

order that he might attempt to gain more points for the team by competing in other events. He said that both Richards' mind was to gain the most athlete endangered his chances in the high jump by competing in the shotput and broad jump, but the main thing in Richard's mind was to gain the most points he could for his college.

#### St. Albans' Athletes Compete in Field Day

St. Albans' athletes are competing in today. Brewer, Carter, Sternberg, Holmes, Marty, Hauser and the other stars of lesser light are endeavoring to set up records for future athletes to break. the annual field day on Satterles Field

break.

This will be the last performance of the season for both Brooke Brewer and Crawford Carter. Brewer is expected to do even time in the 100 and 220, while Crawford is likely to do the half and mile in good time.

Cycle Race Revived.

NEW YORK, May 31.—The Coney Is-land cycle path for the first time in many years will again be the scene of he leading bicycle road race to be held this year, when the Empire City wheel-men of Brooklyn hold their twenty-five mile handleap race over the historic

### CAPITAL AMATEURS WILL NOT JOIN N. A. B. OVER MOTOR COURSE

Officials Here Cannot See Bene- Large Field of Automobiles fits Which Would Be De-

affiliate with the National Amateur Baseball Association, according to members of the local association, who say hey, can see no advantages in the pro posed joining.

not of interest to the amateur association. It is explained that several of the so-called outlaw leagues draw their players from the amateur leagues when the players have no games scheduled in their leagues. There has been no attempt to take players for the independent leagues

President Young explains that severa leagues have few players to fill out

their teams and have asked some of the amateurs in the various leagues to No action will be taken by the as sociation until some of the leagues cut in on the playing schedule of the or

Secretary Shurtleff today announce the following changes among the ama-

ganized teams.

CONTRACTS REGISTERED.

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Departmental League—J. Bernard McLearney, Commissioners.
Government League—Timothy Murphy, Foresters; William P. Dieste, Library; F. M. Berens, Library; Chester Lyons, Bureau.
Northwest Sunday School League—John Gifford, Whitney Avenue; Harolid F. Selden, Central Presbyterian, Potomao League—Milton O. Clark, Cengress Heights; John C. Mumford, Government Hospital; Gilbert Cassidy, Cengress Heights; Thomas A. Crooks, Machinists; Moses Caplin, Drillery; Charles R. Fleishman, Drillery; James R. Lewis, Drillery.
Terminal R. R. Y. M. C. A. League—Howard R. Phipps, Union Station; Stanley W. Taylor, Union Station; E. E. Risdon, Car Department; W. C. Lynch, Car Department, Rosedale League—James P. Dowrick, St. Paul; Charles P. Knapp, St. Paul; William P. Dieste, St. Paul; Roger Moore, Crescents; John M. Renwick, Crescents; Bernard J. Grady, Columbia.

Grady, Columbia. RELEASES.

Departmental League—Francis L. Tetreault, John B. Schrider, William W. Watts, Commissioners, Government League—Edward R. Williams, J. T. Alleuis, Bureau; David L. Du Pre, Donald C. Barnhart, Library

Library.

Northwest Sunday School League—
D. W. Folger, E. L. Strohecker, R.
Thompson, Central Presbyterian.
Resedale League—Fred Kraft, J. A.
Regan, Columbia; L. N. Coe, St. Paul;
Arthur Clarkson, Stewart F. Mehlfelt, Theodore Quigley, Crescents.

The regular monthly meeting of the Potomac League will be held tomorrow at the home of President James Marbury.

#### His Once Chance

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 31 .-Arnold Petching, first baseman of the Independent team of the Amateur League, went through a game against the Old Coon nine yesterday, with only one putout. He had no assists and no errors. It was not until the ninth inning, with one man out, that he had his only fielding chance of the game.

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# HEAVY CLOUDS HANG

Starts at Indianapolis in Speed Contest.

SPEEDWAY INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 31.-The fifth international 500sweepstakes automobile race started promptly at 10 a. m., today, under weather conditions most favorable for speed. Only twenty-four cars The question of outlaws here is one started. This small number coupled with the foul weather and the fact that the racers in preliminary tests averaged faster than for any previous race, indicated that past records of the "Gasolene Derby" would

Resta's Peugeot, No. 3, distanced Wilcox and de Palma by a few yards in the first lap, but the Stutz and de Palma's German racer passed him on the second. The order of the first five cars in that lap was, Wilcox's Stutz; DePalma's Mercedes; Resta's Peugeot; Cooper's Stutz, and Rickenbacker's Maxwell. The time of the first lap was 1.39,25 or an average of ninety miles an hour.

Spectators began arriving at an early hour today, but the crowd did not approach in numbers those of former years. The long string of automobiles was not in evidence, for the Speedway had announced that the parking space in the infield was closed. If is a sea of mud. Two grandstands have been opened for tourists free of charge.

De Palma's Mercedes and the three Stutz cars led in the betting today with the Sunbeams and the Peugeots close behind. All predictions were for a record-breaking race, providing the

track is dry.

This is the smallest entry list in the course's history. This was partly accounted for by the fact that the eighty-mile requirement to qualify is stiffer than in the qualifying mark of past years. past years.

Cars with their numbers and drivers

follow: -Stutz, America, Cox. 1-Stutz, America, Cox.
2-Mercedes, Germany, R.DePalma.
2-Peugeot, France, Resta.
4-Stutz, America, Cooper.
5-Stutz, America, Anderson.
6-Sunbeam, England, Porporate.
7-Sunbeam, England, Van Raalte.
8-Peugeot, France, Burman,
9-Kleinart, America, Klein.
10-Duesenberg, America, Alley.
12-Peugeot, France, LeCain
14-Sunbeam, England, Grant.
15-Duesenberg, America, O'Donnell. -Sunbeam, England, Grant.

-Duesenberg, America, O'Donnell.

-Delage, France, J. DePalma.

-Sebring, America, Cooper.

-Maxwell, America, Orr.

-Duesenberg, America, Mulford.

-Maxwell, America, Richbacher.

-Mais, America, Mais. 5—Purcell, America, Cox. 6—Bugatti, Germany, —, 7—Cornelian, America, Chevrolet, 8—Emden, America, Haupt.

Will Hold Regatta.

NEW YORK, May 31.-The yearly regatta of the New York Rowing Association will be held today over the lem river.

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### LAST GAME TODAY Meets Fordham for the Eastern

**GEORGETOWN PLAYS** 

Catholic Title at New York.

NEW YORK, May 31.-Georgetown University is winding up its season here today in playing Forcham in the big attraction of the season. The Washington team plans to use Finnegan, while the Marcon will send in Joe Martin against the Blue and Gray. Many Georgetown graduates are tak-

ing advantage of the holiday and will be out at Fordham Field to watch the contest, which is for the Cathelic championstip of the Eastern colleges. Both teams have met Holy Cross

This is the last game of the season for Georgetown. The Blue and Gray players won Saturday's game with the Crescent Athletic Club and hit well enough to cause a prediction that todsy's battle is likely to go with the Washington contingent.

#### Hama Club Raseball

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for the lead in the Home Club League race. These two teams meet June 7, and it ought to be some game. Reclamation had a slump last week and, was given a trounding by the Pat-

and was given a trouncing by the Pat-ent Office aggregation. It was the lucky seventh for Patent, and the unlucky seventh for Primm, when unlucky thir-teen runs were scored, due to poor sup-port in the pinches. Postponed and tie games make changes in the schedule for the week of May 31. There will be no game Decoration Day. On June 1 Pension and Patent will play off the tie game of May 21, and on June 5, Secretary-Indian and Survey will decide the postponed game of May 22

Herman Hansen, first baseman of the Land Office team, who was seriously injured in the Reclamation-Land game May 19, was operated on Friday night, and grave doubts are felt for his recovery. Mr. Hansen sustained a severe injury to his head while running to second base, and the nerve center at the base of the brain was affected. Hansen's many friends in departmental circles pray for the successful outcome of the operation.

President John W. Swift, of the Home Club League, is on the job at all games, and is earnest in his endeavor to keep the league games free from fric-tion among the players. So far there has been no evidences of serious obstreperousness among the boys.

Catcher Clarke, of the Reclamation

#### **Today's Sports**

BASEBALL-

Washington vs. New York, 10:30 a. m. and 3 p. m., American League baseball park; Marines vs. Cavalry, Fort Myer. Va., 2:30 p. m.; Machinists vs. Congress Heights, Eleventh street southeast; Staff vs. Adjutants, White Lot, 5 p. m.; U. S. S. Mayflower vs. Fairlawn, Potomac League field, 3 p. m.

TENNIS-Columbia Country Club, South Atlantic tennis championships, 10 a.m.; Columbus Country Club, closed tennis tournament, Arlington, Va., 10 a. m.; Subur-ban C. C., closed tourney.

Washington Country Club, Jew-ell, Va., closed tournament, nine holes, all day; Columbia Golf Club, sweepstakes, closed, 12 o'clock; Chevy Chase Golf Club, closed tournament, 9 o'clock; Bannockburn Golf Club, closed tournament, match play, 9 a. m.; Columbia Golf Club, May tournament matches,

RACING-Prospect Park, Md., 2:30 p. m.; Rockville, Md., trotting events, REGATTA-

Interclub canoe races, broad-water, upper Potomac, 2 p. m. CRICKETwashington Cricket Club, match game, Potomac Park, 2:30 p. m.

BOXING-Semi-monthly show of Maryland Club at Ardmore, Md., at 8 p. m.; six fights. Charlie Egan vs. Frankle Nelson in main bout, at

fifteen rounds. Annual field day, St. Albans School, Satterlee Field, 10 a. m.

ed in the Reclamation-Land game May is on the high road to recovery, and will soon be on both feet again.

A first baseman with a long reach wants to be sure where his heel rests when he gets the throw if "Jack" Carr is on the job, and all attempts to Merkleize second base can't be done-that's

American Association. Indianapolis, 5; Cleveland, 2 (first game). Indianapolis, 11; Cleveland, 3 (second game). Milwaukee, 5; Kansas City, 4 (first game). Kansas City, 16; Milwaukee, 0 (second St. Paul, 8; Minneapolis, 0 (first same). St. Paul, 4; Minneapolis, 2 (second game)

### Big League Biffers of a Day

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Jacobson, Tigers	2	2	3	1.000
Austin, Browns	2	2	2	1.000
Quinlan, W. Sox.	1	1	1	1.000
Kinsely, Cubs	1	1	1	1.000
Groh, Reds	4	3	3	.750
Archer, Cubs	4	2	3	.500
Graney, Indians	4	2	3	.500
Beck, Cards	4	2	2	.500
Long, Cards	4	2	2	.500
Jackson, Indians.	4	2	2	.500

# NELSON AND EGAN

Baltimore and Washington Principals Occupy Limelight at

Ardmore Tonight. Frankie Nelson, who once battled Temmy Lowe to a draw at the old club, is to meet Charley Egan, the local ring performer, at Ardmore in a fifteen-round contest. Nelson has been acting as sparring partner of Kid Williams, world's bantam champion, and is said to have improved greatly since he last appeared before

Washington fight fans.

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Both Nelson and Egan are reported to be in perfect condition for tonight's contest. They will weigh in at 135 pounds at 3 o'clock, and will then rest up for the battle. The New Yorker rules a slight facorite over the Washingtonian.

Tonight's winner probably will be matched with Tommy Lowe to decide the Southern lightweight title at the next show of the Maryland S. and A. C., about the middle of June.

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Besides the Nelson-Egan affair, there will be a battle royal, an eightround semi-final between Young Thomas, of this city, and Mickey Brooks, of Baltimore; a four-round bout between Young Jack Dempsey, of Harrisburg, Pa., and Billy Burke, of Baltimore; another with "Toots" Brown and Ned Green, and still one more four-round scrap between more four-round scrap between "Rube" Smith, of Bladensburg, and Joe Blackburn, of Washington.

#### Among the Minors

Southern League. Memphis, 1; Mobile, 0. Atlanta, 6; Nashville, 2.

No other games scheduled Pacific Coast League. Venice, 2; Cakland, 6 (a. m.). Venice, 4; Cakland, 2 (p. m.) Sait Lake, 4; Los Angeles, 1 (a. m.). Sait Lake, 6; Los Angeles, 2 (p. m.). San Francisco, 6; Portland, 3.

Texas League. Dallas, 14; Shreveport, 1 Dallas, 7; Shreveport, 2. Galveston, 3; Houston, 2 Galveston, 4; Houston, 1. Fort Worth, 5; Waco, 4. Waco, 4; Fort Worth, 1. ont, 2; San Antonio, 0.

Western League. Lincoln. 6; Denver. 4. Iancoin. 8; Denver. 4.
Sioux City, 6; Omaha, 5.
Sloux City, 10; Omaha, 5.
Des Moines, 11; Topeka, 2.
Topeka, 3; Des Moines, 6.
St. Joseph, 2; Wichita, 1.
St. Joseph, 2; Wichita, 0.

Newark, 2; Jersey City, 1 (ten innings) Providence, 10; Richmond, 9. New York State League. 13; Aibany, 4. , 8; Scranton, 6. use, 3 Wilkesbarre,

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